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James R. Perry

Local banker James Perry dies at age 72

James R. Perry, 72, of West Liberty died last Thursday at Morgan County ARH Hospital following a long illness. As president and chairman of the board of Commercial Bank, he played an important role, often behind the scenes, in most of this county's important economic and community development achievements of the past three decades, and played a key role in efforts during the 1980s that led to West Liberty being selected as the location of the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex, which brought many jobs to the county.

Mr. Perry was a member of the West Liberty United Methodist Church and was a member of the Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital Board and the Gateway Area Development Board. He was a member of the West Liberty Kiwanis Club and was founding chairman of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Patterson Perry of West Liberty; a daughter, Sara Jim Blair of Lexington, and a sister, Mrs. Pam Rose of West Liberty. The obituary appears on Page 4.

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Judge Exec. speaks out on investigation

In his regular column, normally devoted to informing the public about what is going on in county government, Judge Executive Tim Conley this week responds for the first time to rumors and reports that have surrounded and emanated from an ongoing special grand jury investigation that has targeted him for unspecified allegations of wrongdoing in office.

Seated in September by Attorney General Greg Stumbo amid rumors that its purpose was to indict Conley, who was running for reelection, the special grand jury has met three times, once before the election and twice since, and has not returned an indictment, leading to observations voiced in some sectors that the investigation, presided over by Special Prosecutor Brent Turner of Prestonsburg, may be turning into a "fishing expedition."

In an earlier interview, Turner predicted that the jury's work would be concluded soon, but noted that it is the grand jury's responsibility "to go where the testimony leads."

The panel is scheduled to be recalled again this month for a fourth session.

In his response to rumors and news reports about the special panel's investigations, Conley says he would welcome an opportunity to appear before the grand jury.

Conley's column is on Page 2.

E-911 prankster's handset is traced and confiscated

The West Liberty Police Department, which takes a dim view of prank calls, this week announced that it has the technology to trace such phone calls.

On the evening of December 19, the West Liberty E-911 Center received 136 prank calls within a four-hour period from a deactivated Trac Phone hand set.

Communications Director John Conley said wireless provider records, global positioning technology, and police department records led to identifying and locating the handset that was used to dial the prank calls.

Director Conley said prank calls can interrupt or delay responses to real life-threatening emergencies.

"We take a dim view of 911 pranksters," said Police Chief Kelse Hensley, "and we will devote the resources necessary to track them down."

Request for zoning change to be aired at public hearing

The West Liberty Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing to consider a zone change request from Motley Rentals. The property, located at 478 Glenn Avenue, is currently zoned for residential use and Motley Rentals is requesting that it be rezoned for general business use. The hearing will be held this evening, Jan. 4, at 5:00 p.m. at West Liberty City Hall in the City Council Meeting Room. Comments by adjoining property owners will be considered. All interested property owners are urged to attend and the meeting is open to the general public.

County and city officials sworn into office



Photo By Sally Barker

Officers elected in November sworn in by Judge Phillips

County and city officials elected in November were sworn into office Friday evening, Dec. 29, in a ceremony attended by a large crowd of family members and friends at the West Liberty City Hall. Circuit Judge Rebecca Phillips administered the oaths of office. Shown giving their oaths above are from left, Magistrate Randy Cantrell, County Clerk Randy Williams, Judge Executive Tim Conley (just visible in back), Coroner Kenny "Gravedigger" Perry, Sheriff Mickey Whitt, Magistrate Denzil Potter, West Liberty Mayor Bob Nickell, Property Valuation Administrator Darrell Bradley, City Council Member Vickie Henley, Constable Steve Pelfrey, City Council Member Belinda Jordan, Magistrate Stanley Riggsby, City Council Member Jim Rupe, Circuit Clerk Donna Pelfrey, and City Council Member Mark Walter.



Morgan County Jailer James Easterling, left, shook hands with Lonnie Campbell, Counties Branch Manager for the Governor's Office for Local Development, at a recent training session in Morehead for newly-elected county officials.

Morgan County's new Jailer goes back to class

MOREHEAD — Newly-elected Morgan County Jailer James Easterling recently headed back to class for a one-day training forum at the Morehead Conference Center presented by the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) and the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD). They also sponsored four other regional events across the state for new local leaders.

"The purpose of the seminars is to provide valuable information to these new county officials so they are better prepared for those first days in office," said KACo Executive Director/CEO Bob Arnold. "We want to ensure that these newly-elected officials have the information they need to govern their counties in a positive, successful manner."

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At the training forum, KACo directors provided information about the Association's various offerings, including health and unemployment insurance, workers compensation, financial programs and training. GOLD representatives made presentations on financial management and administration, legal services, grants and field services. Also, resource tables were set up to provide attendees with an opportunity to speak directly with program managers/directors from both sponsoring organizations.

The Kentucky Association of Counties, organized in 1974, is a non-profit, non-partisan association committed to promoting the interests of county government.

Fire destroys residence on Pack Branch

By Miranda Cantrell James

The Highway 172 and Peddler Gap Volunteer Fire Departments responded to a housefire that destroyed a home at 59 Pack Br. Dec. 27, with assistance from the West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department.

Highway 172/Peddler Gap Fire Chief Charles Tharp said the home's owners, Wayne and Debbie Perkins, were not at home when their mobile home caught fire at approximately 8:00 p.m.

"A neighbor reported the fire," Tharp said. "But by the time fire departments reached the home it was fully engulfed. It was a total loss."

Tharp said about 12 firefighters — including West Liberty Fire Department manpower — worked three hours to contain the blaze, with Morgan County Ambulance Service also responding. The fire's cause is undetermined at this time.

"We would like to thank West Liberty Fire Department and Morgan County Ambulance Service for the assistance they provided," Tharp said. "We greatly appreciate the mutual aid even though we were not able to save the home."

Garbage pickup to be on reg sced. next week

Garbage collection which has been on a one day delay schedule for the weeks of December 25 and Jan. 1, will be back to normal nex week.

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Political Surprises
In 2007?

By Todd Duval

You do not have to be a political junkie to recognize that 2006 was an extraordinary year in Kentucky politics.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher was indicted and abandoned by the top leaders of the Kentucky Republican party, including his own lieutenant governor.

With Fletcher widely considered un-electable in 2007, the top thier of potential Democratic candidates for governor simply walked away from the race.

Makes you wonder what they know that we do not but should.

It was the year the General Assembly actually passed a state budget in a timely fashion. It also was the year Anne Northup lost her seat in congress to a Democrat who is actually proud to call himself a liberal and in public at that.

Makes you also wonder what could possibly happen in 2007 to top 2006.

If 2006 was the worst year possible for Ernie Fletcher, it also had its up sides as well. After all, this nemesis, Attorney General Greg Stumbo, made Fletcher an offer he would have been crazy to refuse, a plea agreement that dropped indictments against Fletcher in exchange for the governor's admission that Stumbo's investigation of merit system violations was justified.

Then Fletcher merrily continued dismissing the whole unpleasantness as purely politics.

And despite the Chinese water torture of leading state Republicans for calling him not to seek re-election – the David Koresh of the Kentucky Republican party no less! – only little known Paducah businessman Billy Harper has filed to oppose Fletcher in the 2007 Republican primary for governor.

That could change, of course, before the filing deadline the end of January, but each passing day that Fletcher gets to promise part of an ethereal \$278 million budget surplus makes it less likely Northup or Lt. Gov. Steve Pence or any other viable opponent will get into the 2007 GOP family brawl.

Hatfield named to Baptist
Homes for Children board

WEST LIBERTY, Ky., Dec. 27 —Tim Hatfield, Community CEO of the Morgan County ARH Hospital, has been given the honor of serving on the Board for the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children (KBHC).

Board President Bill Smithwick nominated Hatfield and his nomination was voted on and approved by the Kentucky Baptist Convention at their November 2006 meeting. Hatfield will serve a four-year term from 2006 –2010 and will represent the Eastern Kentucky Region. Hatfield is a member of the McVeigh Baptist Church and attends McVeigh along with his wife Joni and their daughter Haley Grace.

The mission for the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is to provide care and hope for hurting families and children through Christ-centered ministries.

Since 1869, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has served the children of Kentucky. Their ministry began in the mid-1800's as an orphans home for children affected by the Civil War. In response to the overwhelming number of homeless orphans in Louisville following the Civil War, a group of women from the Walnut Street Baptist Church started the Orphans Aid Society.

Today, KBHC has become a home for children who have been abused, neglected or have some other family crisis. These precious lives have been scarred by the physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. Through all the service areas, KBHC serve nearly 3,000 children and adults per year.

It's about the kids. In each of the service areas at KBHC – from the training staff receives, to the support foster parents get on an ongoing basis and the way the message of Jesus' love is delivered – it is all for the sake of these children that are brought to KBHC.

The KBHC has twenty programs and offices located across



Tim Hatfield

the state with the Morehead Center being the closest. The Kentucky Baptist Home for Children Morehead Center is an all girls' school. This school provides care for up to twelve girls and is located at 2495 Cranston Road in Morehead, Ky.

These life-changing ministries for children and families have seven residential campuses; over 100 KBHC supported foster homes, Pregnancy and Adoption Services, a Youth Support Center, and Cornerstone Counseling services.

The KBHC is licensed by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Human Services and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. KBHC is a member of the National Association of Christian Child and Family Agencies, the Children's Alliance (Kentucky), and the Foster Family-Based Care Treatment Association.

Hatfield said he is honored to serve on the KBHC board and states "If you would like to learn more about KBHC or make a donation, please go to www.kbhc.org or call 1-800-456-1386. You may also call my office at 743-3186 ext. 109."

The Judge's Corner

By Tim Conley
Morgan County Judge/Executive



Hello from Judge Tim Conley:

Over the past six months, there have been a lot of rumors regarding a special grand jury and myself. I think it is time to let the people of Morgan County, which I work for, know about the rumored allegations. First of all, at this point these are only rumors. It is a shame that during an election someone can indicate an alleged wrong doing and spend thousands of dollars of your tax money investigating and seating a special grand jury, summoning people to appear before it and only giving them less than 24 hours notice to appear. All of this time, no investigator or law enforcement official has ever walked through the door of my office and asked me or my office staff any questions, or have they accused me of any wrong doings. As you know, the regular grand jury was in session when these rumors started. However, the investigating party felt they needed a "special grand jury" to hear my case. I feel the 12 members of the regular grand jury that was already empaneled and heard all your cases would be just as fair on my case. Rumor has it that one person on the "special grand jury" is an ex-county official, another a county official. Another member of the "special grand jury" made comments three weeks prior to being selected for the jury that he would "see the Judge indicted if it was the last thing that he done." Three weeks prior to its seating, no one supposedly knew it was the judge being investigated.

Now on to what they are supposedly investigating.

When I took office in 2003, the road department did not have sufficient equipment to do the day-to-day tasks that are necessary to maintain the county road system. Also, there was a four million dollar total road bond debt left from the previous administration, which will not be paid off until 2019/2020. We had an ice storm and flood in February 2003 and we had no equipment to work with. I loaned my personal truck and chain saws to the county for one week at no cost to clear roadways in the Blairs Mill area. Then in the spring we had nothing to mow the roadsides with, so again I loaned my personal tractor (a Ford 3930) with mower to the county for one month, at no cost, in order to help mow our roadsides for the safety of our school buses and public traffic. In the spring of 2005, we had a road that required a dozer to repair it. The county did not own a dozer and instead of renting a very expensive piece of equipment, I loaned my 450 dozer, at no cost, to repair this road in the Ditney Ridge area. While using my dozer, the road foreman broke a pulley on the dozer. The road foreman came to me and told me that they had broken the pulley. I told him to

take the dozer back and I would get my brother-in-law to repair it, then we would continue to repair the road. The foreman said that he had already torn it down and that he would get the pulley and put it back on the dozer. When he ordered the pulley, by mistake the company billed the county \$650.00. When the purchase order came through the fiscal court meeting, all bills were approved for payment. When I was notified of this error, I contacted the company and they issued a credit for the amount to the county and a letter apologizing for the mistake. The company then billed me personally for the dozer part. The odd thing about this is that a year and a half ago, pictures were taken of this event but no one brought the error to my attention. The entire fiscal court approves all of the bills, and then months later during the election season, it has become an issue. Our annual audits are available for review in my office.

We have worked hard to obtain much needed equipment to guarantee county roads can be adequately maintained. To insure public safety for our school buses and traveling public, I have loaned my personal equipment to Morgan County at no cost to try and make it a safer and better place to live. If someone wants to spread rumors, then all that I can say is POLITICS, POLITICS, POLITICS.

This is a politics-driven investigation and does not need to pull our county down. The special grand jury has met three times and has not returned an indictment.

I would like the opportunity to go before the grand jury. I have nothing to hide, but I do have work to do. I won an election by over 63% margin and now, for political purposes, some in the political arena are trying to tear me down through the court system with negative rumors and attacks. It's like poison ivy vine, we need to find the root of these allegations and dig it out and let it die. I will serve you for four more years, as I have over the past four years.

Menifee gets funds
for new health dept.

FRENCHBURG — Menifee County has received a \$500,000 grant to help fund a new Health Department. The location for the new facility is still to be determined.

The funding, announced by Gov. Ernie Fletcher, is from a \$10 million allocation set aside by the 2006 General Assembly to create the Local Health Department Infrastructure Development Pool.

Local health departments will use the funds for construction of new facilities and to upgrade existing ones.

Fletcher announced that Menifee County's health department is one of 24 local health departments selected to receive a portion of the funds.

Nine are arrested in
Menifee drug sweep

FRENCHBURG — Nine persons were arrested on drug charges during a roundup of suspects in Menifee County. The arrests, conducted by the Menifee County Sheriff's Department, Operation UNITE, and U.S. Forest Service officers, completed a six-month undercover investigation of drug-related crimes in Menifee County.

During the roundup, seven homes were searched and a large amount of drugs and drug paraphernalia were confiscated. Arrested were Timothy Terrill, Jimmaleen Toth, Anthony Campbell, Sondra Schoonover, Paul Schoonover, Frankie Whisman, and John Paul Pill.

The investigation is ongoing and more felony indictments are expected.

ASK A FIREFIGHTER

Can you guess how much the yearly operating expenses are for your local Volunteer Fire Department? Ask a firefighter

The Best of Kentucky

In the August 2005 edition of Kentucky Living, page 32-37, "Readers' Choices for the Best of Kentucky," readers were asked to vote on 18 Kentucky (Best Of's) from fishing spots, to antiquing, to barbecue. Here are some of their choices; some of mine will follow each category

- Annual Festival: Marion County Country Ham Days in Lebanon. My pick was the Morgan County Sorghum Festival in West Liberty. The last full weekend in September, featuring a parade, food booths, arts and crafts, sorghum and a rekindling of old friendships. You might even make some new friends!
- Scenic View: Cumberland Falls, Corbin. My pick was Route 711, from Winding Stair to Leisure. Two miles of highway located near Wrigley Falls on the left as you go into the cliffs and then the majestic Railroad Tunnel standing like the Arc de Triumph in Paris. At the end of the two mile stretch is Arson and Peggy's Waterin' Hole with an acre lake and scenic trails with cliffs surrounding it.
- Historical Landmark/Museum: The Lincoln Birthplace in Hodgenville. My pick was the Morgan County Courthouse and Morgan County Historical Society Museum, located in the old Morgan County Jail, both located on Main Street in West Liberty. The courthouse was built in 1807 and the jail was transformed into a museum with mostly WWI, WWII and Vietnam memorabilia. It is a great place to learn about the history of Morgan County's people.
- Horse Farm to Visit: Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. My pick would be JSW Miniature Horse Farm in Wrigley, owned by Jonathan Whitt. There are hundreds of miniature horses; some have won world Championships. This is a fun place to take the kids for a day on the farm.
- Kentucky Author: Jesse Stuart. My pick would be the Ghost of Winding Stair. I know he is not as famous as Jesse Stuart, but he does have potential if he would just learn what Professor Hicks is trying to teach him, like developing paragraphs and how to write informative reports.

• Kentucky Product: Ale-8 One, non-alcoholic. Maker's Mark Bourbon. I agree with Ale-8 One. It is great with a little bit of mushy ice in it, just starting to freeze. When it is cold like that, it will almost burst your teeth and it is so good it will make your tongue slap your brains out. My pick for the alcoholic beverage would be that "Good Ole Mountain Dew." The last few years I would find a jar of "shine" on my doorstep with strawberries or grapes in it or just plain clear. Any way you drink it, it is guaranteed to raise a sweat on you, even in freezing temperatures.

These are just six of the Best of Kentucky. As you can see, most of the best of Kentucky that I picked comes from Morgan County, including the moonshine. I am proud to call Morgan County my home and I take pride in the many wonderful attractions the "Bluegrass County of the Mountains" has to offer. You may have a favorite place or thing in Morgan County that you enjoy visiting or talking about in Morgan County. After all, there is no place like home and we should all take pride in this wonderful place we live and have grown up in. Write and tell us your favorite.

We even have chickens at the foot of the hill that our English professor has to stop and wait for at the entrance to the MSU at West Liberty campus, but if you need to know the answer to the age old question, "Why did the chicken cross the road?" Well, I guess you will just have to ask him. Y'all come see now! Ya hear!

– I.B. Lowoften



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St. Claire Hospice & Palliative Care to host Remembrance

MOREHEAD, Ky. — St. Claire Hospice & Palliative Care has served more than 400 patients this year. The community is invited to attend a Service of Remembrance on Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, to celebrate and memorialize the lives of the patients who passed away in the last year.
The service will begin at 6 p.m. in the St. Claire Regional Medical Center cafeteria. It will include the traditional reading of names, along with music and refreshments. The names of individuals who have been memorialized or honored with SCR holiday luminaries will be read along with those Hospice & Palliative Care patients who have passed away in the last year.
For more information about the Service of Remembrance or SCR's Light to Remember luminaries, call (606) 783-6808 or email Robin Franklin, SCR director of Hospice/Palliative Care, at rxfranklin@st-claire.org.

Attention Travelers

Many people travel internationally during the summer vacations or as part of an educational program. These travelers are required to have a passport for travel to and from the United States and effective Dec. 31, 2006, passports will be needed for air and sea travel to and from the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada and Bermuda. By December 2007, passports will be needed for all land border crossings as well as air and sea travel.
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Sulphur Springs Ch. services Dec. 30-31

There will be church services at Sulphur Springs Enterprise Baptist Church at Crockett 7 p.m. Dec. 30. There will also be morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. Pastor Bro. Chris Baldwin and Assistant Pastor Bro. Bob Williams invite everyone to attend and worship in spirit and truth. There will be refreshments in the fellowship hall Saturday night.

Facilities meeting set Jan. 10 at the high school

The Morgan County Board of Education will hold a Facilities meeting Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the library at Morgan County High School.

Wolfe County to get new Family Court

CAMPTON — Voters in the 39th Judicial District of Wolfe, Breathitt, and Powell counties will select a Family Court judge in this year's election.
The deadline for filing as a candidate for the post is Jan. 30.
The post is among nine new judicial positions created by the Kentucky General Assembly last year.
The judge selected to the new 39th District's new division 2 bench will serve until 2014.

School burglarized at Hazel Green

HAZEL GREEN, Ky. — Thieves who broke into Red River Valley Elementary on the night of Wednesday, Dec. 27, escaped with computers, digital cameras and other items after trashing the principal's office.
RRVE Principal Brian Creech said entry was gained to the building by breaking a window in the rear of the building. The thieves attempted to break into the school's lunchroom, but were unable to break open the door to the room, Creech said.
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Spay/neuter voucher available for low-income pet owners

Kentucky pet owners with low incomes again will be able to receive vouchers from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to help pay for spaying and neutering their pets starting Jan. 1, Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer has announced.
The Animal Control Advisory Board has budgeted \$100,000 for the program. A \$100,000 appropriation for a pilot voucher program in the second half of 2005 was exhausted in six months.
“Pet owners want to do the right thing by spaying and neutering their pets,” Commissioner Farmer said. “The voucher program enables more people to do that. This program will reduce the number of unwanted animals in Kentucky. That will reduce the workload and expenses of local animal shelters. It will also make our communities safer. I am pleased to be able to reinstate this important program.”

Low-income pet owners may get a voucher application from participating veterinarians; by calling the KDA toll-free at 1-888-297-9093, or by downloading the application off the Department's website, www.kyagr.com. Applicants must return the completed application to the KDA. Once they are approved, participants will be responsible for a \$10 co-pay per procedure, to be paid to the veterinarian.

The KDA reported that 1,002 pet owners and 168 veterinarians participated in the program in 2005.
The voucher program is funded with proceed from the sale of spay and neuter license plates. The plates are available for an initial fee of \$25 and an annual renewal fee of \$20. Vehicle owners can get the spay and neuter license plate by applying at their county clerk's office.

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By Louise Winchip



In Memory of Louise Lee Winchip
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Preserve me, O God, for in Thee do I put my trust. David was saying, protect me Lord, care for me as you would a helpless child. I am needy and helpless, but Lord, I belong to you, I am your child.
Today with sadness, sorrow, unemployment, sickness abounding everywhere, we need the Lord's protection. Some folks face trials that are beyond their human endurance. Broken homes bring heartache to many, especially children. In view of these difficulties, there is help. The Lord is ready to meet any and all who call upon Him, believing He will respond.
The Sixteenth Psalm offers encouragement and assurance. David was running at the time he wrote this Psalm. He was running from his son. Such sorrow and humiliation he experienced. But the importance of this Psalm is to show that even in the midst of deep despair, David sought the Lord. Would the Lord fail him? Read on. “The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot. I have a goodly heritage,” writes David.
Somehow in the midst of his problems, David looked up and knew what the Lord was doing for him and Who God was. The

Lord is never found by looking down for Him. One may be down in the depths of a situation, but once that one looks up and acknowledges the Lord, He is there. His promises are to whosoever will
The closing verse of this Psalm is one to carry with us all day. Earthly joy fade, plans fall apart, money and positions are lost....but God remains faithful. You may have read a poster that states” When all else fails read the instructions.” That may be good advice to follow. Read the Word and the Lord's instructions. David wrote. Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

Holiday Special Menu

Glazed Carrots, Pears & Cranberries
Makes 6 Side Dish Servings
12 oz. fresh cranberries, washed and sorted
1 15-oz. can Bartlett pears, drained and juice reserved
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
3/4 cup pear juice
1 cup sugar
1/2 pound cooked carrots
In a small saucepan, combine cranberries, pear juice, sugar and lemon juice.
Bring to boil and reduce to simmer for about 4 minutes until juice thickens.
Fold in carrots and pears.
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Morning Hypoglycemia


Everyone experiences one of those days when they wake up with a headache or feel a bit grouchy. For people with diabetes, these may be symptoms of a potentially life-threatening condition: morning hypoglycemia.

Also known as low blood sugar and insulin reaction, hypoglycemia occurs from time to time in most people with diabetes, even among those who work hard to keep their diabetes under control. It can occur at any time of day and for a variety of reasons, ranging from over-using drugs to treat diabetes to exercising harder than usual.
How do you know if that headache is a warning sign? The most important and accurate measure is a blood glucose reading of 70 mg/dL or lower; that is the benchmark for hypoglycemia. Other symptoms include:

- Shakiness
- Dizziness
- Sweating
- Paleness
- Unexplained behavioral changes (moodiness, crying)
- Clumsy or jerky movements
- Confusion
- Tingling around the mouth
- Seizure
- Loss of consciousness

The first line of defense against morning hypoglycemia is to check your blood sugar

regularly, especially just before bedtime. If your reading is below 120 mg/dL, eat a larger bedtime snack than usual and make sure it contains carbohydrates and protein.
You must follow your schedule for eating and taking medications as closely as possible, and be aware of how changes in that schedule can affect your blood sugar. Eating dinner earlier than usual, for example, or skipping your nighttime snack, can bring on morning hypoglycemia. Drinking alcohol in the evening, especially without eating, can cause morning hypoglycemia as well. Exercising regularly is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. However, be aware that if you exercise harder or longer on a particular day, you should be prepared to eat a bit more to keep your blood sugar level from dropping too low.
If you feel any symptoms of hypoglycemia, check your blood glucose reading immediately. If it is 70 mg/dL or lower, quickly drink a half-cup of any fruit juice or regular—not diet—soft drink, eat five or six pieces of hard candy, or take two to three glucose tablets. Be careful not to over-treat. It could take up to 15 minutes


for these measures to take effect; if you over-consume sugar, you may go quickly from having blood sugar that is too low to having blood sugar that is too high. After 15 minutes, check your blood sugar again; if it is still low, repeat the treatment.
If you have several episodes of hypoglycemia, be sure to discuss the problem with your doctor. You may need to change your medication or your dosing regimen.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns about diabetes, talk to the pharmacist at a participating Diabetes Shoppe drug store. As a center of diabetes care, your Diabetes Shoppe offers the most comprehensive line of products and information available to help you better manage and "live well" with diabetes.

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AREA DEATHS



James R. Perry

James Randolph Perry, died Thursday, December 28, 2006, at Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital, following a long illness. He was born in West Liberty, Kentucky, on October 4, 1934, to the late James Morton and Dorothy Stacy Perry.

He graduated from Morgan County High School in 1952 where he lettered in basketball and football. He played basketball at Eastern Kentucky University and graduated from Morehead State University. He also attended the University of Louisville of Law. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Mr. Perry began his banking career in Louisville in 1963, working at both Bank of Louisville and Louisville Trust. After the death of his grandfather, C.K. Stacy, in 1969, Mr. Perry returned home to West Liberty to become President of his family owned Commercial Bank, which will celebrate its 100th year anniversary in 2010. Mr. Perry served as President for 34 years, as well as Chairman of the Board for more than 25 years. He continued to serve as Chairman of the Board and was active in this capacity until his death. Throughout his banking career, he was active in the Kentucky Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association and was selected Banker of the Year in 1972.

Beginning in the 1970s, Mr. Perry became involved in the coal business, as a partner in Collins and May Mining Company. Mr. Perry was a member of the West Liberty United Methodist Church where he was a member of the administrative board and chairman of the finance committee for many years. He was a board member of the Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital, the Gateway Area Development Board and founding Chairman of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce. He was a board member of the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival, and active in the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Perry served several terms on the University of Kentucky Develop-

ment Council and was also a University of Kentucky Fellow.

In 2006, Mr. Perry was named Citizen of the Year by the West Liberty Kiwanis Club in appreciation for his service to Morgan County.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Barbara Patterson Perry; a daughter, Sara Jim Blair and son-in-law, Proctor W. Blair, of Lexington, and granddaughters, Amanda Marie Blair and Stacy Calihan Blair, Lexington; one sister, Pam Rose; a nephew, David Osborne; and great nephew, Jason Osborne, all of West Liberty.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007 at the MSU Center, at Index, with speakers, Rev. Kenneth Jett, Elder Jimmy Adkins, Hank Allen, and Rev. Larry Nichols. Burial followed the service at West Liberty Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum with Rev. David Warner speaking at the graveside. Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials were suggested to the West Liberty United Methodist Church, 237 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, Kentucky 41472, or the Respiratory Department or Physical Therapy Department at Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital, P.O. Box 579, West Liberty, Ky. 41472.

Active pallbearers were employees of Commercial Bank-- Brock Litteral, Darren Gillespie, Paul Kidd, Stanley Franklin, Chris Caskey, Tommy Phipps, Howard Elam, Hank Allen, Bob Martin, and Donnie Dye.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Board of Directors of Commercial Bank.

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Oh, God our help in ages last,
our hope in years to be,
Look down upon this troubled world
and see our need of thee.
For in this age of unrest, with violence
all around we need thy hand
to lead us to higher, safer ground,
without thy help and counsel we
are helpless to restore and safety
and security in our hearts
and homes once more,
and give us strength and courage
to be honorable and true
and to place our trust implicitly
in unseen things and you.
Keep us kind and humble
and fill our hearts with love,
which in the selfish, greedy
world man has so little of.
Forgive our transgressions
and help us find the way
to a better world for everyone
where man is in peace each day.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)



Daisy Johnson

Daisy Mae Potter Johnson, 78, of Spaws Creek Road, West Liberty, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington.

She was born Thursday, Dec. 13, 1928, in West Liberty, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Walter and Elizabeth Wright Potter.

Daisy was a member of Bethany Enterprise Baptist Church, and was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her stepmother, Lizzie Potter Lacy; ten brothers and sisters, Jesse Potter, Elmer Potter, Marvin Potter, Anna Potter Gibbs, Ralph Potter, Dewey Potter, Queen Elizabeth Potter, Oma Potter McClure, Robert Potter, and Diane Potter Lykins.

Survivors include her husband, Wendell Johnson; five children, Wendell Johnson, Jr. and wife, Judy, of Eminence, Walter Scott Johnson and wife, Susan, of Frenchburg, Jerrie Gail Johnson, of Winchester, Jeffrey Lynn Johnson and wife, Mindy, and Jimmy Ballard and wife, Leisha, both of West Liberty; 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; sisters and brothers including Lula Adams, Virgil Potter, and Johnny Potter, all of West Liberty, Cletis Potter, of Cannel City, Tommy Potter, of Hazel Green, Gay Kennard, of Ohio, and Martha Arnett, of Salsersville.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at Bethany Enterprise Baptist Church, with Rev. Rick Pelfrey, Rev. Bob Williams, and Rev. Arlie Nickell officiating. Burial followed in the Potter Cemetery, Hwy. 460, West Liberty, with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Scott Johnston, Gary Lynn Barker, Chad Johnson, Jeffrey Michael Johnson, Mikie Day, Jimmy Cantrell, Scotty Hamilton, and Bill Fannin.

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PRAYER

Dear God,
Help me to realize that in your
silence you are always working
for me. If you were to answer every
single request that I made,
then there would be no need for a
personal relationship with you. It
is through your silence that you
are molding me in your image.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)



Gary P. Blair

Gary Pierce Blair, 48, of H.C. 81, Sandy Hook, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, in Morehead.

He was born April 1, 1958, in New Albany, Indiana, a son of Sharon Orth Blair, of Ravenswood, West Virginia, and the late Phillip Blair.

Gary was a training coordinator at Little Sandy Correctional Complex, at Sandy Hook. He was a member of Hope Enterprise Baptist Church, Sandy Hook.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hazel (H.G.) and Jessie Smith Young.

Survivors besides his mother include his wife, Carolyn Young Blair, of Sandy Hook; two brothers, Mark Blair and Mike Schnell, both of Ravenswood, West Virginia; an uncle, David Blair, of Sandy Hook; two aunts, Phyllis Blair Murphy, of Marion, Ohio, and Joyce Wright, of Ravenswood, West Virginia.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, with Bro. Reggie Dickerson and Bro. Ronnie Mayse officiating. Burial followed in the Elliott County Memorial Gardens, in Sandy Hook, with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were Ryan Halsey, Chester Harris, Jr., Ricky Bear, Johnny Havens, Rodney Gilliam, Channing Cantrell, Danny McGraw, Phillip Bramblett, and Mike Howard.

Honorary pallbearers were family and friends.

Color Guard by Little Sandy Correctional Complex/Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex CERT at graveside.

POEM

When you're lonely I wish you
love, when you're down I wish
you joy, when you're troubled I
wish you peace, when things are
complicated I wish you simple
beauty. When things are chaotic I
wish you inner silence, when
things look empty I wish you
hope.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

New pgm. helps small firms provide health insurance

ICARE designed to help small business owners pay health ins. payments

FRANKFORT, Ky. — While small businesses are the backbone of Kentucky's economy, it is a struggle for many of them to provide health insurance to employees, a benefit needed to attract the best workers and remain competitive.

Recognizing this, Governor Ernie Fletcher and the legislature worked together during the 2006 General Assembly to create the Insurance Coverage Affordability and Relief to Small Employers (ICARE) program.

This pilot project is designed to help Kentucky small business owners pay health insurance premiums for workers by providing a monthly incentive payment. The

program is open to small businesses with 2-25 employees that have not offered health insurance for the past 12 months or those that have an employee with a defined high-cost condition. The Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection's Office of Insurance administers ICARE. Applications are being accepted now with incentive payments to begin in January for those determined to be eligible. The budget for the first two years of the program is \$20 million, and applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Enrollment will be limited to ensure the appropriation is not exceeded.

Employers who would like more information may call 877-ICARE07 (877-422-7307) or visit the Web site at www.ICAREKY.com

Fred Riggsby

Fred Riggsby, age 80, of Fairborn, Ohio, passed away Thursday, December 28, 2006, at Miami Valley Hospital.

He was born December 28, 1926, at Jephtha, a son of the late Asa and Virginia Burkes Riggsby.

Fred was a member of Local 131 Cement Masons and Plasterers in Dayton, Ohio. Retiring from Danis-Shook Construction as a cement mason. He attended Faith Hill Church of God in Fairborn, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Reva, in October; two brothers, Harold Riggsby and Bill Riggsby; and one sister, Grace Keeton.

Surviving are one daughter, Sheila and David Harris of Xenia, Ohio; two granddaughters, Charity and Dennie Arthur of Xenia, Ohio and Brianna van de Sandt of Xenia, Ohio; three sisters, Dortha Ison-Wehr of Dayton, Ohio, Manda Moore of Fairborn, Ohio and Anna Keeton of West Liberty; a special nephew, Steve Riggsby of Kettering, Ohio; and other extended family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 12:00 noon Wednesday, January 3, 2007, at Belton-Stroup Funeral Home, in Fairborn, Ohio, with Pastor Tooney Easterling officiating. Burial was in the Byron Cemetery under the direction of Belton-Stroup Funeral Home.

My Favorite Paper

There's a little county paper
That I love to sit and read
A paper poorly printed
And behind the times indeed
With its pages small and narrow
And ink inclined to spread
And here a letter
Gravely standing on its head.
Or caps a bit erratic,
Boldly popping into view
In unexpected places
And knocking things askew.
A real old fashion paper
From my little native town
Each week I hail its coming
And I never put it down
Till I've read its every column
All the local news, you know
All the dear old folks I
Lived with long ago
I note whose barn is painted
Whose cattle took the prize
And how Uriah Potts has raised
A squash of wonderous size.
How Farmer Martin's
daughter. Took first prize again
this year
And I stop and pause a bit
And feel a little queer
Remembering how in by-gone
days
When life seemed made for
mirth
I thought this school girl's
mother. Was the sweetest thing
on earth.
And now and then perchance I
read
That one I knew is dead
Or find again some childhood
chum the second time was wed.
And so it goes and no one can
know.
What memories sad and sweet
Come back to me when I read
That homely little sheet..
—Submitted by JBS

A pastor in Michigan wanted to find a special way to mark his 25th anniversary.

Since his friend preached the world's longest sermon—60 hours and 31 minutes—he decided to preach the shortest sermon.

Friends suggested one-word sermons, such as Believe, Peace, and Brotherhood.

But he spoke one single word—love.

There's nothing sweeter than love, nothing stronger, nothing better; for love comes from God. Only those who have the God of love, have the love of God.

The Bible says, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

How To Be Perfectly Miserable

1. Think about yourself.
2. Talk about yourself.
3. Use "I" as often as possible.
4. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
5. Listen greedily to what people say about you.
6. Expect to be appreciated.
7. Be suspicious.
8. Be jealous and envious.
9. Be sensitive to slights.
10. Never forgive a criticism.
11. Trust no one but yourself.
12. Insist on consideration and respect.
13. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
14. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.
15. Never forget a service you may have rendered.
16. Be on the lookout for a good time for yourself.
17. Shirk your duties if you can.
18. Do as little as possible for others.
19. Love yourself supremely.
20. Be selfish.

This recipe is guaranteed infallible.

Gospel Herald

If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting, and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power, and more about the power of love.

Diane Loomans

Reality

Gripes and whining aren't the answer;
The odds some face are worse than bad.
But we must play the hand we're dealt.
And not the one we wish we had.

Art Buc



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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

CPR class set for Jan. 10 and Jan. 17

There will be a CPR class on January 10 and 17, 2007, starting at 4 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m. It will only cost \$5 for the class, that is for your card. You have to be present both days to receive your CPR card. The CPR class will be held at the Wolfe County Head Start building. If interested please call the Wolfe County Ambulance Service at 668-7030 and speak with Tina or Jennifer to get your name on the list.

Clarence Kelly band to be at Fultz Music Barn

Morgan County native, Clarence Kelly, and his band, NuCut Road, will be performing at Fultz's Music Barn Friday, January 5, beginning at 8 p.m. Fultz's is located at the junction of Rt. 173, in Rowan County. For additional information phone 783-9785.

Gateway Com. Services bi-monthly meet. Jan. 11

Gateway Community Services Organization, Inc. will hold its bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2007. The meeting will be held in Frenchburg at the Menifee County Community Building and will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Morgan Co. Fair Board meeting set Jan. 8, 2007

Slate of new members elected. Bob Martin, President; Quentin Murphy, Vice President; Paul Kidd, Treasurer; Tim Holbrook, Secretary; and Brad Kidd, reporter. Next meeting to be held January 8, 2007, at 7 p.m.

AA meetings slated for each Sunday evening

AA meetings are being held each Sunday at 8 p.m. in the conference room at the county government building. For more information or directions, call 606-743-1210.
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Higher Vision to perform at Grassy Lick Church

Gospel group, Higher Vision, will perform at Grassy Lick Baptist Church (Ky. Hwy. 705) on Sunday, Jan. 7. Services start at 11 a.m. Pastor Kenny Gevedon extends an invitation to all. Come and enjoy great music and fellowship. For additional information phone 743-2662.

Herman V. Nickell VFW Post 7225 to meet Jan. 7

Herman Volney Nickell VFW Post 7225 will meet 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, in the basement of the City Hall building. Entrance and convenient parking in back off Trimble Street. All members are urged to attend.

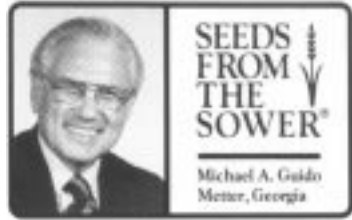
Commander Billy Ratliff
Quarter Master H.B. Rose

Facilities meeting set Jan. 10 at the high school

The Morgan County Board of Education will hold a Facilities meeting Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the library at Morgan County High School.

Fair Board meeting set Monday, Jan. 8

The Morgan County Fair Board will meet Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Extension Office. All members and interested persons are urged to attend.



A boy begged his father for a bicycle, and one day he gave him a beauty. With joy he rode off to show it to his friends.

He soon returned, and complained tearfully, "George has been given a bike, too. It's better than mine."

Jealousy! It rages in the hearts of children and adults.

Jealousy turned Lucifer into Satan and angels into demons. It killed Abel and cast Daniel into the den of lions. It put a crown of thorns on the head of our Lord and nailed Him to the cross.

There's no profit or pleasure in jealousy, only pain.

Let's pray, "Lord, keep me from jealousy, and keep jealousy from me."

Benefit for Emmitt Payton set Sat., Jan. 20, at Wrigley



Emmitt Payton

Emmitt Payton, of Wrigley, was severely injured in an automobile accident on November 22, 2006. He suffered a broken back and a crushed spine which has left him paralyzed from the waist down. Mr. Payton is a son of Geneva Payton Barker and the late Wesley Payton. He is the step-son of Willie Barker.

A benefit has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, at Wrigley Elementary School Gymnasium. The event will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. There will be singing by The McKinneys, True Gospel Echoes, and possibly others. An auction, featuring many different items, is also being planned. There will be chili and peanut butter sandwiches, hotdogs and chips, and desserts available.

All donations are greatly appreciated and may be made by contacting any of the following people: Eva Elliott, 743-1944; Mary Whitt, 743-9335; Collen Fannin, 738-9679; Kathy Whitt, 743-4483; Peggy Perry, 743-1254; or Aileen Perry, 743-4219.
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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Monday, Jan. 8--Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, broccoli, pears, roll, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 9--Navy Beans w/diced ham, hominy, seasoned greens, peaches, corn bread, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 10--Beef macaroni casserole, corn, brussell sprouts, banana, corn bread, milk.

Thursday, Jan 11--Pork cutlet, baked potato, green beans, tropical fruit, wheat bread, milk.

Did You Know?
Fifty percent of America's population is within a day's drive of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Allen Charlotte Year-Old 50 Home of West Liberty

Junction News

By Kathy Bolin

Jan. 1--Greetings from the Junction. Happy New Year!! I hope that this is a healthy and prosperous New Year for you all. I spent my New Year's Eve at a wake at my church. Gene Peck and his group was our evening entertainment along with several others from the church. Around 10:30 we went to the basement for refreshments and fellowship. Then as the hour got closer we went back upstairs and made a huge circle and prayed in the New year. At the strike of 12:00, it was hug, hug, hug!!! Your church family you love just as much as you do your real family. I do anyway!

Louis Cantrell, of Lick Branch, has not been feeling to hot lately. Just not the spring chicken he used to be. Hope you are feeling better, Louis! Also, last week Wayne and Debbie Perkins, of Lick Branch< had a fire at their trailer. There was no one hurt but the trailer burned to the ground. Such a sad experience to lose everything.

We were glad to have John and Ivy Leeper back home on Williams Creek. They spent the holidays with family in Pennsylvania. Also, David Bailey has gone to Indiana this weekend to pick up his son, Kyle. Kyle will be finishing the remainder of the school year here in Morgan County. The Wrights had the pleasure of a visit from their sister, Maggie, who lives in Florida. She has been staying at Herbert's and Helene's which is the old home place.

I have a couple of birthdays that need to be mentioned. Emily Bailey and myself will be celebrating our birthday on January 7th. We usually celebrate with a small get together for breakfast, then we head out to Wal-Mart for a little shopping. Emily will be 10 years old and I will be ?? I am dreading next year, its a "0" birthday. Also, Pam Pennington, of Lower Sand Lick, had a birthday on Dec. 23rd. Happy birthday Pam!

Well, I guess that's it for now.

Free flowering trees available from Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person from Kentucky who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2007.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds, and two golden raintrees.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by January 31, 2007, or go online to arborday/org.

Natural Resources Conservation Service accepts applications for EQIP

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at your local USDA Service Center or conservation district office.

Landusers may apply for EQIP at any time. Applications received by January 31, 2007, will be considered for this (federal fiscal year 2007) program year. Applications received after January 31, 2007 will be held until the next evaluation period.

EQIP applications are evaluated and ranked using criteria set forth by local work groups to determine which applications provide the best environmental benefits and address the recourse concerns of their local area.

EQIP allows cost-share assistance to persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land. Cost-share rates vary by practice and generally

range from 30 to 75 percent. Cost-share rates for beginning farmers and limited resource producers are 75 percent and 90 percent respectively for all eligible practices.

All conservation practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions. For applications selected for funding, an EQIP plan of operations will be developed with the landuser to identify appropriate conservation practices. EQIP practices in Kentucky include, but are not limited to, critical area planting; pipeline and watering facility; grassed waterway; diversion; and fencing.

Additional information may be found at <http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>. To apply for EQIP, or for more information, please contact your local NRSC or conservation district office, 955 Prestonsburg St., West Liberty, Ky. 41472.

Natural Resources Conservation service accepting WHIP applications

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) sign-up. Landowners may apply for WHIP at any time however, applications received by January 31, 2007, will be evaluated and considered for the 2007 program year. Applications received after that date will be held until the next evaluation period.

WHIP provides landusers an opportunity to improve wildlife habitat. The program provides financial incentives for installing eligible practices on land they own or control. The landuser must devote at least 10 acres to eligible wildlife practices.

In Kentucky, the primary focus of WHIP is to improve early successional and forestland habitats for declining species and

other wildlife. Restoring remnant prairies, planting native grasses, shrubs, and trees, implementing wildlife beneficial forest stand improvements, and creating shallow water areas are some of the eligible practices for the program. Excluding livestock from sensitive streams and woodlands is also important focus under Kentucky's 2007 WHIP. Since WHIP focuses on improvement to wildlife cover, food plots are not eligible under the program.

WHIP applications are evaluated and ranked to determine which applications provide the most beneficial habitats.

To apply for WHIP contact Marty McCleese, District Conservationist, USDA Service Center at (606) 743-3194 or Derek Beard, biologist with the Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources at (859) 498-8907.

Lacy Creek

Jan. 1--Joyce LeMaster, Nicholas Blackburn and Sharon Lewis were shopping in Morehead last Thursday. Dan and Joyce LeMaster, Kennell and Leova Lewis, George and Jeanie Robbins, Bear Brooks, Essie Conley, Darrell and Ella Mae Nickell attended the viewing of Ollie Boyd McGuire last week at Potter's Funeral Home. Joyce LeMaster visited last week with Cindy and Mary Lewis. Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dan LeMaster, Jr. have been Kim Mabry and Tanner, Libby Cordle and Kendra, Jenny Lewis, Bill and Sharon Lewis. Dan and Joyce LeMaster visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Nickell. Kennell and Leova Lewis, William Dan LeMaster, Tom, Athena and Nicholas Blackburn spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Dan LeMaster, Jr. William, Tom, Athena and Nicholas ate Christmas breakfast with Dan and Joyce LeMaster. Joyce LeMaster, Athena Blackburn and Nicholas were shopping in Pikeville Tuesday. They also visited with Jewell Young, and Kim Mabry and Tanner. Nicholas Blackburn and Joyce LeMaster visited recently with Sharon Lewis. Joyce LeMaster, Athena Blackburn and

Nicholas were shopping in Morehead Friday night and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lewis, of Ohio, visited here last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Nickell and Marie Franklin. They also visited some cemeteries.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nickell and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Nickell and children had Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 23, with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell. Jonathan and Charity Nickell spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell. Randa and Shelbi Nickell spent Monday and Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell. Other visitors of the Nickells have been Linda Garrison and friend, Jim.

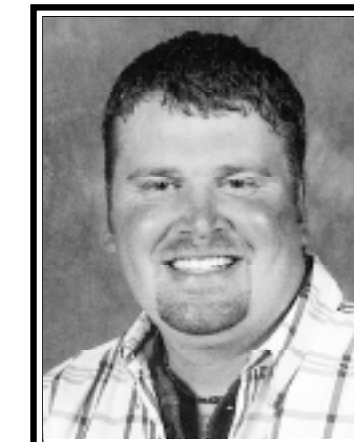
Darrell and Ella Mae Nickell, Jimmy Bailey and Brian Houston Cox visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Nickell.

Kennell and Leova Lewis visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stapleton and Jerrica recently. Lucy Romans visited recently with Leova Lewis.

Everyone in the Lacy Creek neighborhood sends Eldon Lewis get well wishes.

LOWER ELKFORK

Sophie Blevins, of Grant Park, Illinois, called me recently. She is doing very well at the present time. I was glad to hear from her. Happy New Year, Sophie.
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Cannel City Memories

By Hazel Bach Craft

The first memory I have of Cannel City School was in June, 1938. Wardie and I had been married just a few days, when we visited their graduation exercises. I'll never forget what an impressive speech Forest Lacy made. The school had only been in session for around two years. In 1936 the new building was finished and the old school was moved from the top of the hill where Wardie graduated in 1928. The first graduation was in 1916 with three graduates: Miles Henry Ferguson, Bill Johnston, and Lester Stacy.

When Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president in 1932 and Ova O. Haney was superintendent, big changes started taking place in Morgan County. The WPA was organized along with other organizations for the betterment of Morgan County and other Eastern Kentucky counties. Under the direction of the WPA, four schools were built in Morgan County: Cannel City, Morgan County, Crockett, and Wrigley. The Cannel City High School lasted until 1953 when the last graduation was held consisting of twelve students: Sue Mounts, Norma Perkins, Imogene Craft, Gloria Salyer, Carleen Lacy, Lucille Litteral, Naomi Benton, Smith Whitt, Gary Cooper, Jimmy Bailey, Lloyd Ross, and Ray Terrell.

The 10-12 grades were moved to Morgan County High School in 1953--only nine grades remained now known as the Cannel City Junior High School, with Dorsey Benton as principal. Wardie followed Dorsey as principal which was terminated when we took over the Mountain Haven Children's Home, in Letcher County, where we taught the Smoot Creek School for two years, later returning to Morgan County where he later became principal until his retirement in 1969.

In 1965 the ninth grade was moved to West Liberty. In 1989, the 6-8 grades were likewise moved to West Liberty, leaving only five grades plus kindergarten, now known as the Cannel City Elementary School. This coming September 2007, the school will no longer exist when it will be transferred to the new school at Grear.

Now, I want to mention some things i know about Cannel City School. In 1945 Wardie, Hester Arnett, and I were teaching the Caney School with about 100 students when a great calamity occurred. Our beloved school burned to the ground in less than 45 minutes which left the three teachers and around 100 students watching the school that meant so much to all of us with flames surrounding the flag. It just so hap-

pened that Ova O. Haney, our superintendent, stopped by and informed the group not to worry that we would be transferred to the Cannel City High School. What a change! Moving from a well kept, well organized school to one that will be hard to describe.

There was a room for Wardie but none for Hester and me. It took a couple of days to prepare a room for Hester and me. While awaiting the erection of our room at the rear of the auditorium, one thing that I did was clean up the outside restrooms. What a mess they were! The floors were covered with human feces. At that time the building was heated with pot bellied stoves, no library and floors covered with black oil.

That was the beginning of my many years at Cannel City. I taught most grades 1-6 during my stay at Cannel City. I have many fond memories of this grand old school. Now I meet some of my students--some I know and some I don't.

After Dorsey Benton, Thelma Patrick's brother retired, Wardie became principal in 1952. Edwin Benton reported what a struggle they had reoving the black oil from the floors. He said that he, Wardie, and several others scrubbed and scrubbed with banner lye soap to remove the mess from the floors. The grounds were also improved under the supervision of the Federal Government land grants. Trees were planted, flowers were sowed, venetian blinds were placed at all the windows, which are still in place. Also a small library was started. After Wardie retired in 1969, the school continued to improve. In a later write-up more about the improvements. Also a list of all the principals will be listed.

Now the school is under the supervision of Mrs. Whitt as the principal. On two occasions I talked to some of the students. They love the school, hate to see it close as do so many other students, alumni, etc. My, the precious memories as was shared in the recent Christmas celebration. So many memories were refreshed. The students and those who worked so diligently to put on the performance. Thanks Jimmy Jones for mentioning Wardie and some of his performances.

Hopefully more people will express their feelings of this grand old school.

I want to sincerely thank Edwin Benton and others for their help in preparing this letter. More will follow, also some great pictures connected with the school.

Precious memories, how they linger.

Growing At Grace

Grace Baptist Church has many thoughts and prayers for the new year, our prayers are with all of the men and women who stand in a very dangerous place in this world to defend and protect our country. We ask God's special grace and love for their families who have to live without the ones they love for months at a time and wonder if their loved one is still safe, and we pray especially for the families who have a forever-vacant place in their lives. We ask that God guide and direct our nation's leaders and help them to always make the right decisions and to lead us in the way God would have us go.

We have so much to be thankful for it's hard to know where to begin. We thank you Lord for the many blessings which you bestow on us, the blessings which we take for granted so much of the time, help us to have a mind that is truly grateful. We thank you for the opportunity to be born and live in this great country where we have the freedom to worship you, to praise you, and to acknowledge you as our Lord and Savior, to acknowledge you as the almighty, all powerful creator of everything, where we could stand on a street and pray without danger of being arrested or worse, a nation which was established on the principles of the Bible and help us to remember and return to those principles, and give us the courage to speak up to defend our faith.


Most of all we thank you for your love, the love you have for us that led you to send your Son to be born, to live, to tell of your love, to suffer and die, and to be raised on the third day so that we can live with you and for you forever!

Thank you for leading us to establish a church in the Malone community and we ask your blessings on each family, individual, and home here. We pray that our vision as a church whose quest is to spread your gospel will continue to be realized. We ask that you continue to bless Grace Baptist Church and that each thing we do will bring glory and

honor to you. We ask your blessing on Pastor Mike Lindon and his wife, Debbie, as they take some time to relax and travel this last week of the year, watch over them and return them safely to us.

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Morgan County Christian Social Services wishes to thank everyone who participated in the 5th Annual Morgan County Food Drive. We collected a total of 6,162 items and 620.00 dollars. MCCSS serves approximately 300 families a year during difficult times through our food pantry.

The Morgan County Food Drive, a month long event was held the first two weeks of November this year. School classrooms vie to take top honors as do some business departments in collecting the most food to donate to our pantry.

This year West Liberty Elementary School brought in the most donations for the school district. In the business category, the departments of Mountain Telephone wanted to make their mark in the county and again attained top honors.

MCCSS wishes to thank every school, business, organization and person who made or sent donations. We look forward to helping the families in our county with these generous donations.

MCCSS is open every Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the public to shop at our clothing pantry which stocks gently used clothing at very reasonable prices. MCCSS will accept donations any time throughout the year. For information you may contact Vicki Stacy at 743-7261 or Kim Standafer at 743-8432.

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items; Prince of Peace, \$200.00; Morgan County ARH, 1,296 items; Chamber of Commerce, \$200.00; West Liberty Elementary School, 912 items; Frederick and May, \$100.00; Ezel Elementary

School, 710 items; Standafer Builders, \$100.00; Cannel City Elementary School, 386 items; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Franklin, \$20.00; East Valley Elementary School, 329 items.

Local Red Cross chapter seeking new volunteers and donations

By Miranda Cantrell James
The Mid-East Kentucky American Red Cross chapter is currently seeking new volunteers and donations to assist local disaster victims and military personnel, and to initiate preparedness education programs locally.

Chapter Executive Brenda Jones said the Mid-East Kentucky chapter – which includes Morgan, Menifee, Wolfe and Perry counties – currently boasts over 250 volunteers, with 150 from Morgan County.

“We have a lot of great volunteers throughout the chapter area,” Jones said. “But we can always use more. Volunteers can have a great impact on the community, and we truly appreciate their services.”

Assistant Chapter Manager/Executive Peter Brandt said volunteer services are limitless.

“When most people think of the Red Cross, they think mainly of disaster work,” Brandt said. “But there are many ways for local people to volunteer their time, including media work, casework, program instruction, etc. We don’t want to tie volunteers down; they can work at their own pace.”

The chapter also emphasizes youth activities.

“There is a Junior Red Cross partially set up in Morgan County,” Brandt said. “The group is for middle and high school students, but it needs an adult sponsor to provide leadership and guidance. Junior Red Cross projects are unlimited.”

Brandt also said the Junior Red Cross program fosters future adult volunteers.

“High school members can become certified in adult Red Cross courses,” Brandt said. “When students are old enough, they can contact the Red Cross and become full adult members. Their previous training will help them to further advance in the organization.”

Red Cross courses and prices include standard first aid, \$40; standard first aid with AED, \$45; adult CPR with AED, \$35; adult CPR with infant CPR, \$35; adult/infant/child CPR, \$40 (recert \$30); first aid, \$25; adult/infant/child CPR and first aid, \$45; bloodborne pathogens, \$20; HIV/AIDS prevention, \$20; sports safety training, \$40; CPR for the professional rescuer, \$55 (recert \$35); babysitter’s training, \$25; pet first aid, \$25; workplace modules, \$15; instructor training (first aid, CPR, AED), \$200; and lifeguard training, \$200 (recert \$150).

Jones said students who cannot afford course prices can apply for a discounts and scholarships.

“We try to help our students as much as we can,” Jones said. “Many courses are also online, so pupils can take training at home. These classes are convenient and can be completed in 15 days. It is a great way for busy people to get necessary hours.”

Brandt said lack of awareness sometimes hinders the organization, however.

“There are a lot of people who don’t realize there is a Red Cross chapter in this area,” Brandt said. “We try to raise consciousness through mailers, newspaper articles, television coverage (WYMT), etc. We want to promote ourselves in a positive way to interest people in what we do.”

Jones said the group also distributes safety and prevention brochures for fires and natural disasters, and is available for presentations to civic groups and schools.

“Our goal is to teach people preparedness,” Jones said. “We want people to be ready for the unexpected. Sometimes families can’t prevent or avoid disastrous situations, but we can help them begin to rebuild their lives.”

Jones said service is the most rewarding aspect of volunteering.

“You get back more than you give through helping people,” Jones said. “It is a great feeling to know you have done something good for someone, to offer a personal touch to others in times of need. Together we can make a difference.”

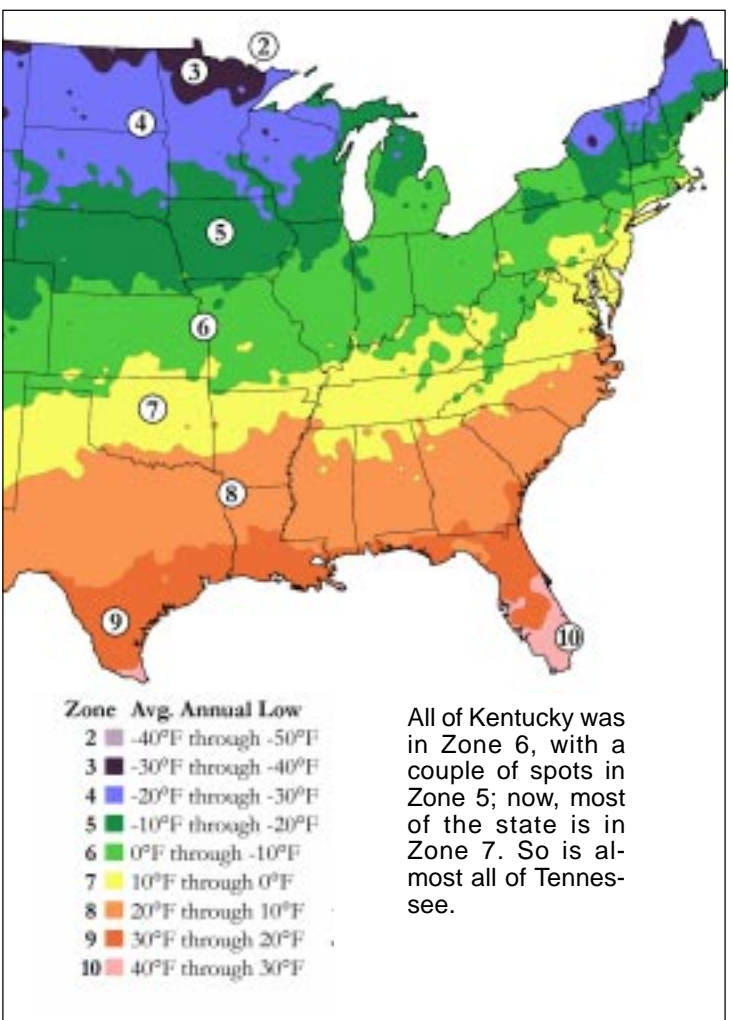
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Warmer climate prompts Arbor Day Foundation to alter hardiness zones

Monday, Jan. 1 — America has been getting warmer, and that means more plants can grow in more places. The National Arbor Day Foundation, which promotes tree planting, recently revised its hardiness zones, which are based on average annual low temperatures using 10 degree increments. The map is a vivid illustration of global warming, which a consensus of climate scientists agree is underway. The main debate about warming is how much if it is being caused by human activities.

“Significant portions of many states have shifted at least one full hardiness zone. Much of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, for example, have shifted from Zone 5 to a warmer Zone 6. Some areas around the country have even warmed two full zones,” the foundation said in a news release. All of Kentucky was in Zone 6, with a couple of spots in Zone 5; now, most of the state is in Zone 7. So is almost all of Tennessee.

Ben Sutherly of the Dayton Daily News detailed the changes in Ohio, where in 1990 “only portions of southwestern, southern and eastern Ohio fell within Zone 6, where average annual lows range between minus 10 and 0 degrees. The rest of Ohio fell within Zone 5, where average annual lows range between minus 20 and minus 10 degrees. In 2006, however, the foundation found virtually all of Ohio and much of lower Michigan fell within Zone 6.” Sutherly adds, A recent survey of scientific literature on observed changes in natural phenomena,



titled “season creep,” found lilacs and honeysuckle bloom six days earlier, while lakes and rivers are freezing six days later and thawing six days earlier.

The foundation developed the map from “the most recent 15

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Lady Cougars capture title in Bath Christmas Tournament

Morgan wins four straight; Eagle, Fugate and Dulen named All-Tourney

By David Patrick
Morgan County - 50
Menifee County - 26

The Lady Cougars scored 18 of the game's first 22 points and never looked back as Morgan rolled to a 50-26 win over Menifee County.

Five players scored in the first eight minutes, led by six points from senior guard Jacey Curd. The two teams scored nine apiece in the second period as Jeff Brown's squad maintained its double figure lead heading to intermission.

Curd and Leslie Eagle combined for 11 points in the third quarter to help Morgan blow the game open with a 26-point advantage. Meghan Howard scored the Lady Cougars' only four points of the final period making for the 50-26 final.

Menifee County was held to no more than nine points in any quarter. Chelsea Williams, who came into the game averaging well over 20 points per game, was held to a relatively quiet six points by the Morgan defense.

"This game was all about defense," Brown said. "Hannah Fugate and Shay Williams did an unbelievable job on (Chelsea) Williams. Our kids are understanding where to be on defense and how to rotate. That's helping us play well."

Eagle and Curd led Morgan with 11 points each. Fugate and Alyssa Dulen had eight apiece,

while Kayla Kelly and Howard both scored six.

**Morgan County - 58
Lewis County - 51**

Leslie Eagle and Hannah Fugate combined for 27 points as the Lady Cougars turned away Lewis County, 58-51.

Morgan jumped out to a 10-point lead after one quarter and maintained a 31-22 advantage at intermission. Eagle scored 10 of her 15 points in the opening half.

Lewis County's Jessi Marth and Emily Lykins combined for nine points in the third quarter as their team pulled within six points heading to the final eight minutes. But six Lady Cougars scored in the fourth period, led by four points each from Fugate and Eagle, as Morgan closed out the 58-51 victory.

Unlike Menifee County, the Lady Lions posted double-figure scoring in all but one quarter. Morgan earned the win despite seven converted three-point field goals by Lewis County.

"As good as our defense was against Menifee, that's how much we struggled against Lewis," Lady Cougar Coach Jeff Brown said. "It was our third game in three nights and I think our legs were about gone. After the game was over Hannah (Fugate) told me that even though we won, she wasn't satisfied with our performance. It's good to know that your kids expect a lot from themselves."

Eagle led Morgan with 15 points, while Fugate scored 12. Alyssa Dulen finished with nine. Jacey Curd and Meghan Howard both tallied eight points. Kayla Kelly scored all six of her points in the second half.

**Morgan County - 61
Fairview - 23**

Morgan County Coach Jeff Brown was able to rest his starters for much of the game as the Lady Cougars cruised to a 61-23 victory over Fairview.

"Our bench played the majority of the game," Brown said. "I was impressed with the defense of our young players. They played at least 10 of the 16 minutes in each half."

Geri Humphries and Tessa Henry led the Lady Cougar reserves with five points apiece. Monica McCowan finished with four.

Alyssa Dulen led all scorers with 12 points. Leslie Eagle, Hannah Fugate and Kayla Kelly all finished with eight, while Jacey Curd added seven. Haley Linkous and Lara Hembree scored two each.

**Morgan County - 50
Bath County - 31**

Leslie Eagle and Jacey Curd combined for 23 points as Morgan beat host Bath County, 50-31, to capture the tournament championship.

Morgan led by nine at the half and ran away with the game in the third and fourth quarters to close out the 19-point victory.

Alyssa Dulen scored nine points for the lady Cougars, while Hannah Fugate finished with eight. Kayla Kelly had seven, with Lacy Eagle and Shay Williams scoring two and one point, respectively.

Eagle was named the tournament's most valuable player after scoring 46 points during her team's four wins. The sophomore guard was joined on the all-tourney team by Fugate and Dulen.

Cougars' struggles continue at Paintsville Holiday Tourney

Morgan drops 2 of 3 games; Haney scores 18 in lone win

By David Patrick
Bullitt East - 55
Morgan Co. - 40

Robert Troutman scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Bullitt East past Morgan County in the opening round of the Paintsville Holiday Tournament, 55-40.

Troutman scored six of his team's eight points in the opening period before adding another nine in the second quarter. Bullitt East took a 28-16 lead to the half.

The Cougars enjoyed a 14-point third quarter, which was highlighted by eight points from Stephen Barnett, as Matthew Perry's team trimmed the deficit to 10.

But Bullitt East closed the deal in the final eight minutes, outscoring Morgan 15-10, to post the convincing victory. Barnett finished with a team-high 17 points for Morgan County, while Wes Montgomery added eight. Tyler Adkins and Katlin Haney each scored five. Brandon Ferguson and Cameron Dunn fin-

ished with three and two points, respectively.

**Morgan Co. - 72
Lawrence Co. - 57**

Cougar coach Matthew Perry got a combined 32 points from seniors Katlin Haney and Wes Montgomery as Morgan County picked up its second win of the season, 72-57. Morgan led 12-11 after one quarter before the Cougars exploded for a 21-point second period for a 33-19 lead at intermission.

The Cougars maintained their lead and then some in the third quarter. Consecutive three-point field goals by Katlin Haney, Wes Montgomery and Cameron Dunn led a 19-point effort to make it an 18-point game. Montgomery then converted four more baskets in the final period, including another three-pointer, as the Cougars closed out the 15-point victory.

Haney led Morgan with game-high 18 points and five rebounds. Montgomery then scored 15 and pulled down six boards. Brandon Ferguson had 11 points of four-

of-seven shooting from the field. Dunn and Tyler Adkins each scored nine, while Stephen Barnett finished with eight. Derrick Young scored two and handed out as many assists.

**Louisville Moore - 61
Morgan Co. - 36**

Louisville Moore led 13-5 after one quarter and stretched that advantage to 11 points at intermission on its way to 61-36 victory over Morgan County.

Jazzmar Ferguson and Jose Lopez scored 18 and 13 points, respectively, for Louisville Moore. The Cougars were led by 10 points and five rebounds from point guard Cameron Dunn.

The Mustangs finished the game converting an even 50 percent from the field while Holding Morgan to just 39 percent; including two of nine from three-point range. The Cougars struggled from the free-throw line as well, hitting only eight of 17 (47 percent).

Louisville Moore won the battle on the boards, 28-24.

UK Korner



David Patrick
News Reporter



Andre' the Great

It was 22 years in the making. Not since Kentucky claimed victory over Wisconsin in the 1984 Hall of Fame bowl had the Wildcats tasted post-season success.

That all changed last Friday. Andre Woodson put up Tim Couch-like numbers but accomplished what "The Deuce" could not do — win a bowl game. Woodson completed 20 of 28 passes for 299 yards and three touchdowns as Kentucky beat Clemson in the Music City Bowl, 28-20.

Woodson's trio of touchdowns brought his season total to an amazing 31 — joining Couch as the only UK quarterbacks to ever top the 30 TD mark. All this after throwing for just six scores a year ago and even being demoted to second-string in the spring.

The only thing more memorable than Woodson's first touchdown pass was the play that set it up. Faced with a fourth and long deep in in its own territory, Kentucky pulled off a bit of trickery as punter Tim Masthay threw for a first down. Woodson followed that shocker with one of his own — throwing a perfect 70-yard strike to DeMoreao Ford for a touchdown and a 14-6 UK lead.

Woodson notched his second touchdown on a 24-yard pass to Dicky Lyons midway through the third period. Jacob Tammie was the recipient of Woodson's last touchdown throw early in the fourth quarter; one that essentially put the game away.

Woodson's emergence as pro-caliber quarterback was recognized when he was named All-SEC two weeks ago. His performance in the Music City Bowl confirmed it.

Don't be surprised when you see Woodson's name mentioned in the pre-season publications in 2007. Not only as an All-SEC and All-American candidate, but also as a Heisman Trophy hopeful. Judging by his improvement from last year to this one, that honor is NOT out of the question.

Just ask Couch.

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- Domestic violence
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- Non Injury Accidents — 2
- Injury Accidents — 0

E-911 Calls for Service

- County Wide — 150
- City — 63

Words Of Wisdom

Trust, like the soul, never returns once it is gone.

Publilius Syrus

Changes proposed to state hunter education law

At its quarterly meeting held on Dec. 8, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed modifications to the state's mandatory hunter education law. Commission members also voted to open the ruffed grouse season sooner next year.

The commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Starting July 1, 2007, the commission is recommending that any youth hunter required to have a hunting license in Kentucky must obtain a hunter education course completion card before turning age 12. The current law requires a hunter to pass a state-approved hunter education course by age 10.

Under the new proposal, a hunter would be eligible to take the hunter education test at age

9, which gives the young hunter three years to successfully pass the course if needed, before it is legally required.

The proposal would allow youngsters more time to take the free 10-hour course, which includes in-class and live fire instruction. Hunter education would remain mandatory before doing any type of hunting for anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, and required to have a hunting license.

In related business, the commission also proposed that a new, \$5 one-time permit be available next July that would allow any hunter who is subject to hunter education law to be exempt for a one-year period after purchase.

This exemption permit would be available online only via the agency's website. Those using the exemption permit would also be required to hunt only when accompanied by a legal, adult hunter. After the yearlong exemption expires, the hunter would then have to complete the hunter education course, obtain the card and carry in the field as proof of complying with the hunter education law.

"The intent of these changes is to allow both adults and youth more opportunities to try hunting with a mentor before having to take hunter education," said Bill Balda, hunter education supervisor for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

"If they try hunting and enjoy it, they could then complete the course and the time it takes to do so would be worthwhile. They may have even a better understanding of the materials after some actual experience in the field," Balda added.

"Parents and students are very busy with many other interests, and we want to give those with an interest in hunting consideration in making time for hunting, and the hunting-related learning we now require," Balda concluded.

The commission also proposed to begin the ruffed grouse season Nov. 1. This coincides with the opening of rabbit and quail season, and simplifies the regulation.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Eastern time, Friday, March 9, 2007 at #1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the commission must notify the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife office at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, Commissioner Jon Gassett, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Herman V. Nickell VFW Post 7225 to meet Jan. 7


Herman Volney Nickell VFW Post 7225 will meet 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, in the basement of the City Hall building. Entrance and convenient parking in back off Trimble Street. All members are urged to attend.

Commander Billy Ratliff
Quartermaster H.B. Rose

Quotable Quote

Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate. —I. Jones

Even a bird brain won't befoul it's own nest!



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Stephen Barnett

MCHS Boy's Basketball Team:

This week's athlete of the week is 6'4" Junior Forward Stephen Barnett. Stephen had a game high 17 points and 6 rebounds vs. Bullitt East in the Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic last week. Stephen's 17 points were a career high as well. Congratulations to Stephen!



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No Zero Monday policy at MCMS effective Jan. 2nd

"At Morgan Middle School, we believe that all children have the potential and capabilities to experience academic success," said Principal Darren Sparkman, who this week announced a new "No Zero" policy aimed at providing an additional opportunity for students to do just that.

"With schoolwork as a priority, all students will gain the knowledge and skills needed to become successful adults," Sparkman said. "But for various reasons, some students occasionally fail to give academic work the attention it deserves, leading to missing assignments and failing grades."

To address this issue, the middle school will be implementing a No Zero Policy after Christmas break. The particulars of the program, approved by the Board of Education on December 11, 2006, are as follows:

- If a student has a zero in any class, he/she will be required to attend an after-school tutoring session held on Mondays.
- Parents/guardians will be notified by phone and/or by mailed communication on Thursday or Friday of the week prior to the student being required to attend

after-school tutoring on Monday.

- If the student completes his/her missing work and gives it to the appropriate teacher before the end of the day on Monday, he/she will not be required to stay for tutoring.
- Transportation home will be provided via bus, utilizing the standard tutoring routes (main roads).

The program is being coordinated by Andrea Aragon and Will Noble, seventh grade teachers at the school.

If a student fails to attend tutoring on Monday, the zero will stand, and he/she will not be given further opportunity to complete the work.

"We believe our shared commitment to education will produce positive results for our students, both now, and in future," said Sparkman, "and we ask for parents and students' cooperation and understanding if minor adjustments to the program are needed during its implementation." For additional information on the "No Zero Monday" program, call 743-8102 and speak with Mr. Sparkman, Mrs. Aragon, or Mr. Noble.

Man rescued, teen found dead in fire

MT. STERLING – State Police at Morehead and Montgomery County Coroner Wally Johnson are investigating a Dec. 29 fire at 1520 Owingsville Road, Mt. Sterling, that claimed the life of a teen-age girl.

The Mt. Sterling Fire Department responded to the fire around 2:00 p.m. and discovered two individuals inside the residence. Rescuers were able to assist Michael Neace, 40, from the residence. Neace had sustained an apparent knife wound and was airlifted to the UK Medical Center in Lexington where he was listed in serious condition.

The other occupant of the residence, Neace's 16-year-old stepdaughter, Christina Lenora Woods, was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Johnson. The cause of her death has not been determined, pending an examination by the State Medical Examiner.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Money available to landowners for wildlife habitat

Money is available for landowners or managers who want to improve their property for wildlife.

Funding comes through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, or WHIP, and applications are now being accepted. Improving the fields and forests for wildlife can be as simple as putting trees and shrubs in the ground, planting certain types of grasses, or fencing cattle away from creeks and thickets. The incentive program helps pay for these improvements. To participate, you must own or control the property and be willing to improve 10 acres or more. Since the program is about growing a home for wildlife rather than feeding animals, food plots are not eligible.

Funding for projects is competitive, with the best applications considered first. Anyone interested in the 2007 incentives program should apply by Jan. 31.

To find out more about the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program and how it can work for you, call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources toll-free at 1-800-858-1549 and ask for the name of the private lands biologist serving your area. Biologists are also listed on the department's website at fw.ky.gov. The biologist can explain the program in detail.

Applications for the wildlife habitat program are now being accepted at Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices throughout the state. To find your nearest office, visit www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/contact on the Internet.

sesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for patients with diabetes. Mrs. Jones has been a CDE since 1996. She works with the St. Claire Regional Diabetes Education Program, which is an American Diabetes Association Recognized diabetes education program.



Jean Jones

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Achieves Certified Diabetes Educator status at St. Claire

MOREHEAD, Ky. — The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) announced that Jean Jones, Manager of Clinical Nutrition Services at St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, has once again achieved Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) status by successfully completing the continuing education renewal option process.

Candidates must meet rigorous credential and professional practice experience requirements to be eligible for certification. Achieving the CDE credential demonstrates to patients and employers that the health care professional pos-

Frontier Housing taking applications for Spring Build

Morehead, Ky.--Frontier Housing will begin their annual Spring Build March 1, 2007. Frontier will construct a home with help from University students who will spend their spring break as volunteers. The students will assist Frontier in their mission of providing affordable housing to the area. This annual event was designed to promote homeownership while getting

students actively involved in the great need for affordable housing in Kentucky.

Tom Carew, Frontier's Director of Design and Communities said, "this will be a great opportunity for a family in Wolfe, Morgan or Menifee County to build their new home while at the same time providing college students an opportunity to serve the community".

Families in Morgan, Wolfe, and Menifee counties who own their own land may apply.

Anyone interested in owning their own home with an afford-

able payment may call Frontier's Homeownership Center, (606) 784-2131 or apply in person at 5445 Flemingsburg Road, Morehead, Ky. For more information on our programs, visit www.frontierhousing.org

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With Gen. George Crook on the Rosebud

Discharged at age 26, Kels Nickell had seen more tragedy and adventure than most people experience in a lifetime - Part 3 of a series

The well known and much-written-about Battle of the Little Bighorn occurred eight days after the Rosebud battle. Here Custer made two fatal decisions, first to attack a day early without the support of Terry and Gibbon, and second to divide his command into three columns. He kept companies C, E, F, I and L with his headquarters section. He had 13 officers and 200 enlisted men and a few civilians. Captain Fredrick Benteen took H, D and K companies numbering five officers and 110 enlisted men and scouted the ridgeline south of the Little Bighorn River. Major Marcus Reno was given A, G and M companies and told to attack the large Indian village in the valley (known as the Greasy Grass by the Sioux) through which the Little Bighorn River ran. He had 11 officers and 130 enlisted men. The pack train with all spare ammunition was left behind with Company B (two officers and 130 enlisted men and numerous packers) under Captain Thomas McDougal. It was late in the afternoon on Sunday, June 25, 1876. Major Reno began attacking in the direction of the village but was nearly overwhelmed before reaching it. He ordered a retreat across the river and dug in along some high bluffs. He lost several men in a running fight through the valley and recrossing with hundreds of Indians coming from the village. To say that Custer had underestimated the number of warriors in the village is more than an understatement. An estimated 3,000 to 4,000 lodges were set up along the river with as many as 4,000 warriors gathered there. Captains Benteen and McDougal made their way to the bluffs and joined Reno, probably saving him from meeting the same fate as Custer. Custer's command moved down Medicine Tail Coulee and along a ridge above Deep Coulee toward the Little Bighorn but never made it across. Indians guarding the ford turned them back with an intense rifle fire. His troopers fell back and up the ridge falling from arrows and bullets as they went. The survivors gathered at the crest and fought on for a few minutes before being overwhelmed by thousands of Sioux, Cheyenne and other tribes fighting to save

their families camped in the valley. The point where the last fighting took place became known as "Last Stand Hill." It is well known there was no human survivor from Custer's men to tell what took place in the space of some thirty minutes. Captain Miles W. Keogh's horse, Comanche, survived the battle with seven bullet wounds. It was never ridden again and remained the 7th's mascot until its death. Kels said that Crook got word, possibly from a Crow scout, of a big battle some 50 miles to the north of their camp on Goose Creek, but had no details. Kels said that he and another trooper were sent north to find out where the other columns were and if a battle had taken place. They arrived in the vicinity of the Little Bighorn after midnight on the 27th of June. Kels said that the smell of the dead was indescribable but in the darkness they were not sure of what had happened. The next morning they met troopers from Gibbon's column and were some of the first on the battlefield. Custer, his family members, 13 officers and 200 enlisted men of Companies C, E, F, I and L, along with some civilians lay on the grassy slopes above the Little Bighorn River in the hot Montana sun. The exact number with Custer varies in different accounts. Newspaper reporter Mark Kellogg had gone along to cover the expedition and write a "big" article about Custer's exploits for his papers, the New York Herald and Bismark Tribune. He decided to accompany Custer knowing that would be where the action was. He dramatically stated "I go with Custer and will be at the death." He lay among the blue clad troopers never having had the chance to finish his writings. They had been laying there as they had fallen the evening of the 25th. The 7th troopers were given a hasty burial on the 28th where they lay. A few inches of dirt were scooped over them and then covered with sage brush. The place was known as the Custer National Battlefield for decades. A few years ago, it was rightly re-named the Little Bighorn National Battlefield. In most accounts of the Indian Wars, a successful outcome by the U.S. Cavalry was a victory but a success by the



Courtesy of Wyoming Department of Cultural Resources
Pvt. Kels Nickell
Company K, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry
circa 1875-80

American Indian was labeled a "massacre." Crook received official word of the battle on 10 July and issued orders for the 5th Regiment to join his column as soon as possible. They were delayed by a battle with some 800 Indians at War Bonnet Creek on 17 July. Their colorful scout, "Buffalo Bill" Cody, was the victor in combat with the Cheyenne sub-chief Yellow Hand during the action. The entire 5th Regiment finally joined Crook at his Goose Creek camp on 4 August 1876 and Kels was reunited with Company K. Crook ordered the column to set out in pursuit of Indians still roaming the territory. All tents, camp equipment and baggage were loaded into supply wagons to be left behind. Each trooper carried only weapons and such personal equipment as necessary. As dawn broke crisp and clear on the morning of the 5th the troopers ate a hearty breakfast, broke camp and awaited the signal for

"Boots and Saddles." The order came to lead into line and each man stood by his horse as officers did a quick inspection of men and equipment. The early morning stillness was shattered as the bugler sounded "Mount." Twenty officers and five hundred enlisted men swung into their saddles amid the creaking of leather and the metallic jingle of equipment. They headed into the valley of Prairie Dog Creek and crossed the Tongue River at mid-day. The next several days were repeats of the first. The Indians appeared to have scattered into small bands but Crook pushed on. They pursued the fleeting bands throughout the fall but were never successful in cornering them. One battle at Slim Buttes resulted in several casualties on both sides. Severe weather conditions put the column under many hardships. Supplies became nearly non-existent and finally the troopers were forced to eat many of their horses to survive. A very good

account of the 5th Regiment's fall 1876 campaign (Campaigning With Crook) was written by Captain Charles King, 5th Regiment, in 1880. Kels continued to serve under Crook and took part in other campaigns and skirmishes before being discharged on September 2, 1880 at Ft. Laramie, Wyoming Territory. By that time, many of the Sioux warriors had been killed or starved out and forced to surrender. The survivors were confined to reservations and the way of life for a proud people came to and end. War chief Sitting Bull surrendered a few months after Kels was discharged, ending the bloody Plains Wars. In the late 1880s, the "Ghost Dance" began to be practiced on the reservations across the west. The different tribes believed that by praying, dancing the Ghost Dance and singing songs related to the dance they would be permitted brief glimpses of the world to come, a world free of pain, sickness, want, death and above all free of white people. The Indian agents and public in general became fearful of the activities. The army was sent into restore "order" and more Native Americans died, including the great war chief Sitting Bull. Another "battle" was fought in 1890 at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. The army was sent to escort the Sioux back to the Pine Ridge Agency (reservation) from their camp in the valley along Wounded Knee Creek. Ironically the unit sent was Custer's old 7th Cavalry. Some of the warriors did not want to give up their rifles and a scuffle ensued and a shot rang out. During that bitter winter day of December 29, 1890, 150 Native Americans died, among them 62 women and children. The fight claimed 25 officers and enlisted men of the 7th Cavalry. This was the last major incident between the U.S. Government and the Native Americans. At last the army had broken and humiliated a mighty nation. Kels had taken the Oath of Allegiance on September 2, at Cincinnati, Ohio, for an enlistment term of five years. His discharge stated that he was 5 feet seven and three quarters inches tall, had gray eyes, red hair and a ruddy complexion. The discharge also stated that he was of good character, with no mention of



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West Liberty Church Of God, 568 Glenn Ave., West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-4161. Gary Fields, pastor. Parsonage: 743-2632. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm Bible study for all age groups.

Hazel Green Christian Church, P.O. Box 66, Hazel Green, KY 41332. Bro. Lowell Fields, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, 525 Main St., Campton, KY, Phone 668-3731. Sunday Mass 11:30 am; Wednesday evening 5:30 pm.

Faith Baptist Church, Caney, KY 41402, phone 743-4966, parsonage phone 768-2415. Bro. Mick Hardin, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday disciples group training service 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday night mission friends, GA's, acteen's RA's, adult Bible study 6:00 pm.

Old Grassy Christian Church, US-460, Mize, KY 41352. Mrs. Kerry Moore, pastor. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Martha Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 3 miles up KY-589 off KY-172. Services second weekend each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Roger Ball, pastor.

Redeemed Old Regular Baptist Church, Caney, KY. Elder Roy Collett, pastor. Services third weekend of each month. Saturday 6:30 pm. Sunday 9:30 am.

Wells Chapel Church Of God, Stacy Fork, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Ivan Hinton, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Wells Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Joe Gilliam, pastor. Ruley Wagener, assistant pastor.

Union Enterprise Church, Williams Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am to 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. First Saturday and Sunday each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Trivis Ison, pastor, welcomes everyone.

Walnut Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00 pm. Scott Litton, pastor. Eddie Keeton, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, phone 738-6320. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm.

Mize Community Church, 1 mile west of Mize, KY. John Oldfield Jr., pastor, 1176 Hwy. 946, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 606-725-5622. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Old Time Religion Church, 1957 Flat-Mary Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Douglas Dunn, pastor, phone 668-9168.

Daysboro Church Of Christ, Daysboro, KY. Phone 743-3906. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm.

Index Community Church, Rt. 1 Box 210, West Liberty, KY 41472 (intersection KY-191 & US-460), phone 743-4733. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday youth hour 6:30 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Mike Frisby, pastor. Eddy Dennison, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Warren Vanover, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Red River Community Church, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone 662-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Charles Glover, pastor.

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church, US-460, West Liberty, KY. Sunday mass 9:00 am. Father Jerry Dorn, pastor, 581 Glenn Ave., phone 743-4817.

Wells Union Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Jimmy Tharp, pastor.

Ophir Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 10 miles up KY-1260 off KY-172. Services first weekend each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday 11:00 am. No services fourth weekend. Bro. Bobby Fultz, pastor. Bro. Ronnie Wright, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Pleasant Run House Of Prayer, Yocum, KY. Sunday School 10:30 am. Sunday morning 1:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Raymond Barker, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Helechawa Community Church, located on KY-191. Thursday evening 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome to come and worship the Lord.

Sulphur Springs Church, Crockett, KY. KY-172. Third weekend of each month and all odd weekends. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Chris Baldwin, pastor. Bro. Bob Williams, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Watson Enterprise Baptist Church, HC 75, Sandy Hook, KY. Larry Dale Ison, pastor. Mike Gilliam, assistant pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

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Cannel City First Church Of God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Calvary Baptist Church, KY-191, Cannel City, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Harry B. Helton, pastor.

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Ezel Church Of God, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-5721.

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Hop Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-650, Doctor Branch, Sandy Hook, KY. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Tuesday evening prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Ronnie Mayse, pastor.

Hilltop Apostolic Church, KY-7 past Brant. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Darrell Galihue, pastor.

Victory Christian Center, Elliott County on Blaine's Trace Road off KY-486. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. David Webb, pastor.

Sandfield Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Mike Brooks, pastor. Harold Stamper, assistant pastor.

Bethany Community Church, Bethany, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Dana Wendel, pastor. Ernest Martin, youth pastor. Phone 668-3703.

Broadway First Church Of God, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-3759. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Jessie Rogers, pastor.

Lacy Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Lacy Creek, KY. Second weekend each month. Saturday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Bro. Tim Jenkins, pastor.

The House Of Jesus Christ, Rt. 706, Rocky Branch Rd, Sandy Hook. Welcomes everyone to services on Saturdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 3:00 pm. Pastor Larry Jones. Phone 784-2299

Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ, Lytten, KY. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil B. Fannin, pastor. Phone 738-6384.

Grassy Creek Pentecostal Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Johnnie Davis, pastor.

Vision Baptist Church, Rogers, KY. KY-2818, KY-715. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Audy Shepard, pastor.

Lacy Creek Church Of Christ, 2-1/2 miles off US-460 on KY-364, Cottle, KY. Phone 743-2380. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening youth service 6:00 pm. Thursday Bible study 7:00 pm. Jimmy Adkins, pastor, 743-3801. Elder Lawrence Kersey, 743-3291. Elder Dan Hittetpole, 743-3430. Elder Dr. James Frederick.

Words Of Encouragement Trinity Full Gospel Mission, Trace Branch, US-460, Magoffin County. Friday evening 7:30 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Pine Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Garrie Stamper, pastor.

Straight Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Big Mandy Road off KY-650. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Darrie Hammons, pastor.

Catholic Church Of The Good Shepherd, 525 Main St., Campton, KY. Phone 668-3731. Sunday mass 12:30 pm. Wednesday evening 5:30 pm.

Countryside Community Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. David Hinton, pastor.

Crockett Community Church, Services every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Every third Saturday at 7:00 pm. Every third Sunday, 11:00 am. Pastor Boyd Smith, Assistant Pastor Jessie Smith.

Campton Christian Church, 312 Main St., Campton, KY 41301, phone 606-362-9277. Sunday morning 11:00 am; Tuesday Bible study, 6:30 pm. Minister: Will Cooper. Website: www.camptonchristianchurch.org

Hazel Green Baptist Mission, Hazel Green Academy Campus. Sundays at 5:00 pm. Pastor, Lewis Faulkenberry, 606-662-6907 *Showing God's Love by Loving God's People*.

Spring Branch Baptist Church, 100 Spring Branch Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Pastor Ron Lucas, 606-668-9229. Sunday School, 10:00 am. Sunday morning worship, 11:00 am. Sunday night service, 6:00 pm. Wednesday night Bible Study, 7:00 pm.

Wrigley Baptist Mission, KY-7, Wrigley, KY. Sunday morning fellowship 9:45 am. Sunday School 10:00 am (classes for every age plus deaf class). Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Fannin Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-557 (Ruin Road), Sandy Hook, KY. First Saturday evening each month at 7:00 pm. Every third Saturday at 10:30 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. George Stafford pastor and Jason Ison assistant pastor.

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GUEST COLUMN

President Gerald Ford

History dealt him a weak hand; he played it well

The abiding cliché about Gerald Ford — who died December 26 at age 93 — is that he was a decent man who steadied the country but held the White House too briefly to leave a major imprint. We've always thought that view of his Presidency is too diminishing, not least because he led the nation of a dangerous time and resisted political furies that could have done the U.S. far more harm.

"America's Suicide Attempt" is how the historian Paul Johnson describes the 1970s. And it is important to recall the bad temper of the times that Ford inherited in becoming the 38th President. He succeeded Richard Nixon, who had resigned over the Watergate coverup and amid an unpopular war in Vietnam. He faced large liberal majorities in Congress that were emboldened by their ouster of Nixon and set to revive the Great Society. And he had to clean up the financial problems caused by a burst of inflation and wage and price controls. Ford navigated all these traumas better than he gets credit for.

It is true that Ford was something of an accidental President, the only one in U.S. history never elected as either President or Vice President. Before Nixon picked him to replace the disgraced Spiro Agnew as his Vice President, Ford had been contemplating retirement from his Grand Rapids, Michigan House seat. But like another unlikely President from the Midwest, Harry Truman, he had reserves of honesty and fortitude that served him well.

He made a particular contribution in pardoning Nixon, though he knew Nixon's enemies would accuse him of a *quid pro quo*. The decision cost him the election in 1976, but it also spared the country from years of division over a criminal trial that special prosecutor Leon Jaworski seemed determined to pursue.

Congress had trampled over a weakened Nixon, and another Ford contribution was restoring some measure of executive authority. Far more than Nixon, he used his veto pen (66 times in 895 days), blunting liberal excesses after Democrats picked up 46 House seats in 1974. He also deserves credit for resisting the isolationism that was rampant as the Vietnam War wound down. It was a rare period in postwar U.S. history when the public favored spending less on defense.

Democrats exploited the mood in early 1975 to block Ford's funding request for our allies in South Vietnam, as the North began its offensive. Ford pleaded with Congress that "American unwillingness to provide adequate assistance to allies fighting for their lives could seriously affect our credibility throughout the world as an ally," but to no avail. Saigon fell by April, and the boat people and massacres in Southeast Asia soon followed. Thus one irony of this week's praise for Ford as a unifying President: At the time, he was mocked as clumsy and dull,

and he was vilified for blocking Congressional priorities. Any of this sound familiar?

Vietnam was a scarring American defeat, but it could have been worse had Ford capitulated to the Congressional stampede. Instead, he fortified U.S. relations with the rest of free Asia, and he sent in the Marines, despite liberal howls when the U.S. ship the Mayaguez was taken hostage by Cambodia's Khmer Rouge.

Given the weak hand he inherited, it is perhaps understandable that Ford continued the Nixon policy of pursuing detente and arms control with the Soviet Union. But that strategy was already beginning to fail due to growing Soviet adventurism abroad and conservative skepticism at home. Ford also joined Leonid Brezhnev in signing the Helsinki Accords guaranteeing civil liberties in the Soviet bloc; while criticized by conservatives, the Helsinki pact probably helped to undermine Soviet moral authority over the years.

The Ford Administration's economic record is also better than its reputation, sandwiched as it was between two of the three worst economic Presidencies of the 20th century. Hoover's was the worst, then Nixon's followed by Jimmy Carter's.

Ford is famous for having initially rebuffed New York City's bid for a financial bailout, but New York's trouble was merely one symptom of the financial woes caused by Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns's monetary blunder. Burns opened the easy money spigots in Nixon's term, leading to 12% inflation, a spike in interest rates and wage and price controls, and setting the stage for financial crises from Mexico to Britain, among other places. Despite such early follies as the WIN program — "whip inflation now" — and a failed proposal to raise taxes, Ford ran a strong Treasury under Secretary William Simon, adopted sounder policies and left the economy better than he found it.

In historical political terms, Ford was something of a transition figure — from the traditional Republicanism of Eisenhower, with which Ford identified, to the more energetic reform conservatism that would triumph with Reagan. Arguably Ford's biggest political mistake was choosing Nelson Rockefeller as his vice president over Reagan. The New York Governor was deeply unpopular with the GOP base, and the selection left Ford vulnerable to Reagan's primary challenge in 1976.

The Gipper came within a handful of delegates of taking the nomination, a challenge that weakened Ford for the autumn race against Democrat Jimmy Carter. In the event, Ford ran one of the better Presidential campaigns of the modern era and came close to beating the former Georgia governor who had run as a conservative himself.

Perhaps President Ford's greatest achievement was in demonstrating to a nation angry

and dispirited over Watergate and Vietnam that its political system was resilient and the Office of the Presidency still worthy of respect. In that sense his Presidency was a triumph of Ford's personal character — not the first, or last, time America has been fortunate in the leaders our democracy has produced.

—The Wall Street Journal

News Of Record

CIRCUIT COURT
New civil cases — Bureaus Investment Group No. 1, LLC vs. Vannie Peters, Dec. 27; Household Finance Group Corp. of Nevada vs. Thomas S. Hampton, Dec. 27.

DISTRICT COURT
New civil cases — Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital vs. Charlie Wright, Dec. 27; Kentucky Farm Bureau Ins. Co. et al vs. Evie Kidd, Dec. 27.

New small claims cases — Allan's Tire Supply vs. Jason Adkins, Dec. 27; Allan's Tire Supply vs. Phillip Lewis, Dec. 27; Allan's Tire Supply vs. Derrick Tomes, Dec. 27; Allan's Tire Supply vs. Jason Lewis, Dec. 27.

CLARIFICATION
Tammy Jones, who was listed as a defendant in a small claims suit in last week's court news is not Tammy Perry Jones of 294 Gevedon Branch Road, Grassy Creek, Ky.

CLARIFICATION
The Donald and/or Donnie Trusty listed in last week's court news as a defendant on cold check charges is not Donald "Donnie" Trusty who operates Donnie's Body Shop at 15550 Ky. Hwy. 191, Hazel Green, Ky. The defendant in the case is from Magoffin County.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Morgan County Court Clerk, Randy Williams, has issued the following marriage licenses.

Natisha Marie Collins, 18, of West Liberty, daughter of Lulie and Danny Collins, to Jonathan Charles Frederick Dunn, 20, of Campton, son of Marita and Charles Dunn.

Jessica D. Gilliam, 20, of West Liberty, daughter of Shirley Wireman Gilliam and Ray, to Cody H. Basham, 21, of West Liberty, son of Pamela Wireman and Lonnie Basham.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS
Bronis Cantrell to Lenville and Brenda Cantrell, 2 tracts on Sand Lick, \$4,000.

Merle Adkins and Dora, to Scottie Sargent and Rachel, 3 acres, being on Hwy. 364, \$46,000.

Paul Lyons to Nathan P. Roberts and Crissy, 30 acres, more or less, on Lick Branch, \$70,000.

David Ison and Mary Jane, to Marcus Jenkins and Delsie, 50 acres, more or less, on Elkfork, \$85,000.

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Local photographer Dean Hill on KET's Kentucky Life

Beauty is on display indoors and out when Kentucky Life features Morgan County photographer Dean Hill, the wildflowers of the Sally Brown Nature Preserve and the stained glass of artist Guy Kemper in the next program airing 8/7 p.m. CT Saturday, Jan. 13 and 4:30/3:30 p.m. CT Sunday, Jan. 14, on KET, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 on KET2. First, Kentucky Life spends some time with Dean Hill, who left Morgan County for college, joined the Peace Corps, and while in Thailand, took up photography. His travels have subsequently taken him far and wide, but he returned to his roots and built a home on land that has been in the family generations. His goal as a photographer, he says, is to capture the beauty of the Appalachian foothills. Next, viewers discover the beauty of spring wildflowers at the Sally Brown Nature Preserve, established to project the palisades ecosystem along the Kentucky River in Garrard County. In this segment, Jim Aldrich of the Nature Conservancy's Kentucky chapter explains what makes this preserve so special in the springtime. Then, Kentucky Life profiles an artist who is world-renowned for his large-scale "glass art." From international airports to county libraries, to a chapel at Ground Zero, Guy Kemper, of Versailles takes his art beyond just stained glass. Kentucky Life is a KET production, produced by Joy Flynn. Segment producers for this program are Joy Flynn, Jim Piston, Brandon Wickey and Tom Thurman. More about KET programs and educational services, and how to support KET, can be found at www.ket.org.

Contracts are let for Ky. 7 bridges in Carter, Elliott

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky., Dec. 27 — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has awarded a contract for \$491,081.56 for bridge repairs along the Ky. 7 corridor in Carter and Elliott counties. The projects involve deck restoration and waterproofing on two structures in the Grayson Lake vicinity. The bridges to be repaired carry Ky. 7 across the Little Sandy River at the Carter-Elliott county line and the Grayson Lake spillway at milepoint 3.920 in Carter County. "Ky. 7 is a primary north-south corridor in this area," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert. "This route links a large region of Kentucky to Interstate 64, providing access to economic and recreational opportunities. These bridge repair projects will help ensure that there is a safe route for all who use this important road." M&M Services Co., Inc., of Mt. Sterling, was awarded the low-bid contract for \$491,081.56 to repair both bridges. Once work begins on the Little Sandy bridge, the contractor has 40 working days to complete the project. Once work begins on the spillway bridge, the contractor has 30 working days to complete the project. Work on both bridges is scheduled to be finished by Nov. 15, 2007. "Governor Fletcher is committed to providing the best possible highways for drivers in Kentucky," Nighbert said. "These projects are just part of that goal. Through making operations at the Transportation Cabinet more efficient, we have been able to award record numbers of construction contracts the past two years and invest several million dollars in the transportation infrastructure of this state." Construction activities are scheduled on a tentative basis and are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Motorists are asked to "Drive Smart" in work zones and be aware of workers and construction equipment when traveling in areas where projects are ongoing.

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